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Report of infectious disease in Japan from September 1 to September 25, 1899.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.		Plague.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			275	61				
Osaka Fu.....			126	20				
Tokyo Fu.....			326	101				
Aichi Ken.....			164	32				
Akita Ken.....			262	48				
Awomori Ken.....			2,690	290				
Chiba Ken.....			230	76				
Fukui Ken.....			111	53				
Fukuoka Ken.....			62	12				
Fukushima Ken.....			2,537	488				
Gifu Ken.....			253	79				
Gumma Ken.....			287	93				
Hioyo Ken.....			275	70				
Hiroshima Ken.....			179	57				
Ibaraki Ken.....			270	79				
Ishikawa Ken.....			335	100				
Iwate Ken.....			4,788	840				
Kagawa Ken.....			177	53				
Kagoshima Ken.....			316	44				
Kanagawa Ken.....			443	132				
Kochi Ken.....			207	43				
Kumamoto Ken.....			161	32				
Miyagi Ken.....			1,272	245				
Miyazaki Ken.....			154	12				
Miye Ken.....			63	22				
Nagano Ken.....			1,241	299				
Nagasaki Ken.....			79	21				
Nara Ken.....			16	5				
Nilgata Ken.....			4,856	976				
Osaka Ken.....			89	27				
Okayama Ken.....			171	65				
Okinawa Ken.....			35	5				
Saga Ken.....			32	13				
Saitama Ken.....			199	97				
Shidzuoka Ken.....			351	99				
Shiga Ken.....			61	17				
Shimane Ken.....			117	22				
Tochigi Ken.....			279	58				
Tokushima Ken.....			155	58				
Tottori Ken.....			30	24				
Toyama Ken.....			152	65				
Wakayama Ken.....			26	4				
Yamagata Ken.....			397	54				
Yamaguchi Ken.....			120	22				
Yamanashi Ken.....			548	151				
Yehime Ken.....			102	19				
The Hokkaido.....			12	5				
Taiwan (Formosa) a.....								
Total.....			24,923	5,170				

MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *October 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended October 12: Cases of yellow fever, 8; deaths from yellow fever, 3; pernicious fever, 4; remittent fever, 2; tuberculosis, 7; from all causes, 41.

For the two weeks ended October 12, 18 vessels have been inspected and the bills of health signed for United States and Cuban ports. I have issued 132 certificates to passengers leaving here for American and Cuban ports during that time.

There is considerable improvement in the yellow fever situation, and it looks as if the epidemic will soon be over. The general mortality is still high, but a norther or cold snap will soon reduce that to the normal

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condition. The shipping is free from all contagion and the regular line steamships are kept in an excellent sanitary condition.

Respectfully, yours,
SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PARAGUAY.

Peculiar disease at Asuncion.

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, *September 12, 1899.*

SIR: Inclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from United States Consul John N. Ruffin, at Asuncion, Paraguay, referring to the epidemic prevailing in that city.

Respectfully, yours,
WILLIAM R. FINCH.
Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, *September 5, 1899.*

SIR: There is a kind of disease existing here said to be peculiar to Paraguay. It seems that the physicians do not know what it is. It kills in forty-eight hours; if not, after that time there is hope. It is said to take the glands; that is causes them to swell. It seems to have its origin in filth, and began in the soldier barracks which are said to be exceedingly filthy. At present a bacteriological analysis is being made. In a few days it is hoped a scientific opinion will be reached. Schools have been dismissed to-day to be cleaned and painted inside; the Government buildings are undergoing the same process. The soldiers from that part of the barracks which was affected will be sent outside the city. The hospital papers announce 11 sick soldiers, 8 convalescing and 3 still very low.

Don't think the disease will develop or increase. Daily reports are being made. There is as yet no cause for alarm. Should there be any, will telegraph.

Yours, truly,
JOHN N. RUFFIN,
United States Consul.

NOTE.—Will the *Wilmington* come up here? Will you come with the *Wilmington*?
Hon. WM. R. FITCH, *United States Minister, Montevideo.*

RUSSIA.

Investigation as to the nature of the disease at Kolobovka.

ST. PETERSBURG, *Septemher 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy and translation of an official communication giving an account of a medical conference held on September 3–15 last to determine the nature of the malady which recently broke out in the village of Kolobovka, government of Astrakhan, and also a copy and translation of a telegram from His Highness Prince Alexander of Oldenberg, dated September 12–24 last, concerning the sanitary condition of that village. These communications were sent to this embassy from the imperial foreign office in notes dated September 10–22 and September 14–26, respectively.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HERBERT H. D. PEIRCE,
Chargé d' Affaires ad interim.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.